

Amendment  
Serial No. 10/688,568

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-6 are pending in the application. Claim 2 is canceled without prejudice or a disclaimer. Claim 1 and 6 are independent claims.

The Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claim 6 is allowed.

The Applicant also wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that any one of claims 2-5 would be allowed if rewritten as independent claims incorporating all features of the base and intervening claims.

In response, the Applicant has incorporated the features of claims 2 into claim 1.


The Applicant also notes that the original claim 2 contained a typographical error. In particular, the preamble of the original claim 2 should recite "wherein the WDM light source further includes..." not "wherein the N SOA include." The Applicant corrects the error in the process of incorporating all features of claim 2 into claim 1.

The Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection and requests allowance of claims 1 and 3-6.

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Should the Examiner deem that there are any issues which may be best resolved by telephone, please contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the number listed below.

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